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POLREP 1

OLD BARRETT BUILDING

( 36TH STREET AND WHARTON AVENUE)  
CERCLA REMOVAL RESPONSE  
PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PHILADELPHIA, PA

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ATTENTION: GREGG CRYSTALL, CHARLES KLEEMAN AND TIM FIELDS  
CC: EPA ENFORCEMENT

I. SITUATION: 1400 HOURS, 8/22/89

A. 1315 HOURS: U. S. EPA REGION III RESPONSE CENTER DUTY OFFICER MATSINGER WAS NOTIFIED OF A SITUATION AT THE OLD BARRETT BUILDING LOCATED AT 36TH ST. AND WHARTON AVE. IN SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. THE INITIAL CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT. NOTIFICATION STATED THAT A TRANSFORMER LOCATED INSIDE THE OLD BARRETT BUILDING WAS LEAKING OIL. THE OIL POSSIBLY CONTAINED POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL (PCB) AND WAS SEEPING FROM THE BRICK WALL ONTO THE STREET.

B. PERSONNEL ONSCENE

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PHILADELPHIA LICENSE & INSPECTIONS	1
PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT	3

II. ACTIONS TAKEN:

A. 1330 HOURS: OSC FOX CONTACTED TAT AND TASKED TAT TO RESPOND TO THE INCIDENT. OSC FOX DIRECTED TAT TO TEST THE SPILLED OIL FOR VERIFICATION OF POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL (PCB).

B. OSCs FOX AND OWENS ARRIVED ON SCENE AND GATHERED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SPILLED MATERIAL FORM REPRESENTATIVES OF PHILADELPHIA INDUSTRIAL WASTE. OSCs FOX AND OWENS DEPARTED AND WENT TO THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT TO GATHER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE OWNERSHIP OF THE BUILDING PROPERTY.

- C. 1440 HOURS: TAT ON-CALL PERSONNEL ARRIVED ON SCENE AND MET WITH EVAN SCHOFIELD OF THE PHILADELPHIA WATER DEPARTMENT INDUSTRIAL WASTE UNIT. MR. SCHOFIELD BRIEFED TAT ON THE CURRENT SITUATION AT THE SITE. BACKGROUND INFORMATION INDICATED THAT APPARENT VANDALISM HAD CAUSED THE OIL SPILL FROM THE TRANSFORMER. THE PERPETRATORS WERE APPARENTLY AFTER THE COPPER INSIDE THE TRANSFORMER. MR. SCHOFIELD ALSO INFORMED TAT THAT THEIR RECENT CHLOR-N-OIL TEST ON THE SPILLED OIL TESTED POSITIVE FOR POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL (PCB) IN HIGH CONCENTRATION. THE SAMPLE WAS SPLIT WITH PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC AND THEIR TEST RESULTS TESTED NEGATIVE (LESS THAN 50 PPM) FOR PCB. THE AREA AROUND THE SITE LOCATION WAS ISOLATED AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD STRATEGICALLY PLACED SORBENT MATERIALS (SAND AND SORBENT PADS) AROUND THE STORM SEWERS AND ON THE OIL THAT HAD SEEPED FORM THE BRICK WALL OF THE BUILDING.
- D. 1505 HOURS: TAT COMPLETED TWO CHLOR-N-OIL TESTS ON THE SPILLED OIL FROM THE TRANSFORMER. BOTH TESTS RESULTS INDICATED HIGH CONCENTRATIONS FOR PCB. TAT FURTHER ASSESSED THE AREA A DOCUMENTED THAT THE ALLIS CHALMERS TRANSFORMER WAS LABELED TO CONTAIN PCB AND HAD A CAPACITY OF 464 GALLONS.
- E. 1520 HOURS: OSCs FOX AND OWENS ARRIVED BACK ON SCENE AND TAT UPDATED THE OSCs ON THEIR ASSESSMENT.
- F. CAPTAIN ROBERT J. GRASSO OF THE PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED. AFTER DETERMINING THE SITUATION WAS UNDER CONTROL HE DEPARTED THE SCENE.
- G. OSC FOX CONTINUED TO CONTACT THE PRP WHO WAS NOT AVAILABLE. OSC CONTINUED TELEPHONE CALLS WITH AGENT (PAUL LOMBARDI) FOR THE OWNER ISLAND REALITY, NEW YORK NY.
- H. 1525 HOURS: OSC FOX TELEPHONED THE EPA RRC TO INFORM THEM OF THE CURRENT CONDITIONS. OSC FOX THEN UPDATED SECTION CHIEF CONCERNING THE SITUATION.
- I. OSC FOX ACTIVATED CERCLA REMOVAL ACTIONS ONSITE AND ERCS CONTRACTOR WAS READY TO RESPOND.
- J. 1620 HOURS: AT THE DIRECTION OF THE OSC, TAT COLLECTED A SAMPLE OF THE OIL FOR LABORATORY VERIFICATION OF PCB.
- K. OSC FOX CONTACTED PUAL LOMBARDI AN AGENT FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER MR. LOMBARDI.
- L. 1700 HOURS: AGENT TENTATIVELY HIRED REACT AN ENVIRONMENTAL FIRM FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF ISLAND REALITY.
- M. 1730 HOURS: TAT ENROUTE TO DELIVER OIL SAMPLE FOR PCB VERIFICATION.

- N. 1738 HOURS: REACT TURNED THE REMOVAL JOB DOWN DUE TO ANOTHER REPORTED SPILL. OSC CONTINUED TO PROCEED WITH REMOVAL OPERATIONS. MR. LOMBARDI STATED NUMEROUS INCIDENCES OF VANDALISM HAD OCCURRED ONSITE.
- O. 1745 HOURS: OSC FOX CONTACTED ON-CALL OSC HESTON AND PROVIDED UPDATE.
- P. 1909 HOURS: ERCS CREW ARRIVED ONSCENE. OSC ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT SECTION CHIEF KLEEMAN AND FOLLOWED WITH A PHONE CALL TO DENNIS CARNEY CHIEF SUPERFUND REMOVAL AND UPDATED ON SITE AND PROCEDURE TO CONTINUE REMOVAL ACTION.
- Q. 1927 HOURS: ERCS CONTRACTOR (OHM) PROCEED IN REMOVAL OPERATIONS.
- R. 2035 HOURS: ERCS CONTRACTOR BEGAN CLEANUP OPERATIONS.
- S. 2115 HOURS: I T ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR ISLAND REALTY ARRIVED ONSCENE. AT THE DIRECTION OF OSC FOX ERCS CREW CONTINUE TO PERFORM REMOVAL OPERATIONS.
- T. CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT AND CLEANUP PERSONNEL FOR ISLAND REALTY ARRIVED ONSCENE AND OSC HALTED ERCS OPERATIONS.
- U. OSCs FOX, OWENS AND TAT OBSERVED CLEANUP OPERATIONS. I T ENVIRONMENTAL TO CONTINUE CLEANUP THROUGH THE NIGHT.
- V. 2400 HOURS: OSCs FOX, OWENS AND TAT DEPARTED THE SCENE.
- W. 8/22/89 0900 HOURS: OSC FOX CONTACTED CRES WOLPER.
- X. 1200 HOURS: OSC FOX AND TAT RECEIVED VERBAL CONFIRMATION OF PCB IN THE OIL SAMPLE. VERBAL RESULTS INDICATED THE OIL FROM THE TRANSFORMER CONTAINED 720,000 PPM OF PCB.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. OSC AND TAT TO MONITOR CLEANUP OPERATIONS ONSITE. NO FURTHER EPA EMERGENCY REMOVAL ACTIONS ARE EXPECTED AT THIS TIME.
- B. EPA ENFORCEMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE SPILL AND ASSESS ANY FUTURE REMEDIATION AT THE SITE.

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ATTENTION: GREGG CRYSTALL, CHARLES KLEEMAN AND TIM FIELDS  
CC: HARRY DAW (EPA ENFORCEMENT)

I. SITUATION: 1505 HOURS, 01/02/90

- A. CONSENT ORDER SIGNED BY EPA RA ON 12/01/89.  
CONSENT ORDER INCLUDED A SCOPE OF WORK TO  
VERIFY THE SITE HAD BEEN CLEANED OF ALL THE  
PCB-CONTAMINATED TRANSFORMER OIL.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. 11/9/89, 1620: CONSENT ORDER SIGNED BY PRP  
(ISLAND REALITY) REPRESENTATIVE PAUL LOMBARDI.
- B. CONSENT ORDER IN EPA CONCURRENCE CHAIN. RA  
SIGNED THE CONSENT ORDER ON 12/1/89.

III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. OSC TO CONTINUE TO COORDINATE WITH HARRY DAW EPA/  
ENFORCEMENT CONCERNING SITE CLOSURE AND VERIFICATION  
OF TOTAL CLEANUP.
- B. NO FUTURE CERCLA REMOVAL RESPONSE ACTIONS ARE  
EXPECTED ONSITE.

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